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- [redacted] 1. In the afternoon on 10 August 1953, a KVP commission of 1 captain, 2 lieutenant colonels, 1 lieutenant and 1 Kommissar of the regular Volkspolizei, headed by a lieutenant colonel, appeared at the Ministry for Railroads at 33 Voss Strasse, Berlin, asking how many hundreds of KVPs could be quartered in the buildings of the ministry on Voss Strasse and on Markgrafen Strasse, as they urgently needed quarters for several hundred KVPs. They preferred the large banqueting hall as quarters.¹
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- [redacted] 2. After 6 August, the KVP units, allegedly three engineer battalions, which had been employed in the area of the VP inspection in the center of Berlin were withdrawn and replaced by new units on 7 August. It could not be determined where the new unit had come from. The personnel at police stations was increased from 6 to 12 men. The B Kommandos of the police posts were brought up to a permanent strength of six men. Special operation groups were established at various places in Berlin. The reason for these measures, as was declared at the last KVP meeting, allegedly was the expectation of an "F" Day, i.e. a repetition of 17 June. At the time of observation, Kommandos of the Berlin Schutzpolizei and KVP officers directed the blocking of all approach roads to the eastern sector of Berlin. [redacted]
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- [redacted] the travel prohibition to Berlin will allegedly not be removed.²
3. On 12 August, the Friedrich Karl Kaserne near Friedrich Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 450 KVPs. Eight field kitchens, 3 trucks and 3 tents were seen in the yard of the installation.
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1. [redacted] Comment. It is presumably intended to dissolve KVP tent camps still existing in East Berlin and to transfer the units to winter quarters.
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2. [redacted] Comment. The information that KVP units employed in Berlin were replaced by other units in late July and early August is confirmed by previous information. It was said that the transfer of elements of Division Prora to Berlin started on 3 August 1953.

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